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AND SO, BABE, SINCE I WAS RUNNIN' FOR MY LIFE ON AN INTERGALACTIC *PENAL COLONY*--

--IT SEEMED A GOOD TIME TO CHECK IN ON MY USELESS ROOMIES BACK AT THE *DEADLOUNGE*...

I DON'T GET THIS.

BLEEEP! BLEEEP!

WHAT *IS* IT, DEADPOOL?

--?!? HOW'DJA KNOW IT WAS ME--?

CALLER I.D. SAYS "DEEP SPACE".

BY THE WAY-- WHERE'S MY *MONEY*?!

I MEAN, IT'S *TOTALLY* NONSENSICAL.

YOUR MONEY?!? YOU *SET ME UP*, YOU LOOPY BROAD!!

YOU AGREED TO IT!! I PAID YOU BOO LONG TO WALK INTO TASKMASTER'S TRAP!!

...OH, THAT'S RIGHT...

LOOK, SKEETER, WHAT'S A LITTLE *BACK-STABBING* BETWEEN *FRIENDS*' HHWWWWWW--?

WHAT'S GOIN' ON?

WE'RE PLOTTING AGAINST YOU.

BESIDES THAT,

WE'RE OPENING YOUR MAIL.

BLAST IT, WOMAN-- THIS TIME YOU'VE GONE TOO FAR!!!

CATTLE PROD!! CATTLE PROD!!

GOD IN HEAVEN, YOU ARE *STUPID*!!

CATTLE PROD!!

OK, WADE, I'M HANGING UP.

WAIT... SEE, MY RIDE HOME BLEW UP, AND THERE'S THIS DIRTY WOLFF GUY AND

YOU BET. 'BYE NOW.

MORON. WHAT A DOPE.

WHERE DOES REGIS *GET* THESE PEOPLE--?

CATTLE PROD.

HEY-- WELCOME TO THE *RRAPPIN'* PARTY, PAL!!

>SIGH<

HERE WE GO AGAIN.

AND, ODDLY ENOUGH, THIS REMINDS ME OF *ANOTHER* ADVENTURE...

...YES... I CAN SEE IT NOW ... ALMOST LIKE AN *UNTOLD TALE OF SPIDER-MAN* ...

... EXCEPT I'M NOT SPIDER-MAN ...

NOT SO LONG AGO...

E.S.U. MONITOR

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SHROUDED IN STOLEN IDENTITIES AND CLANDESTINE SECRETS, THE MERC-WITH-A-MOUTH IS A MAN OF MYSTERY. HERO? VILLAIN? SOCIOPATH? **DEADPOOL** MAKES HIS OWN RULES AND PLAYS BY NOBODY'S GAME. HE IS AN AGENT OF CHAOS CONFINED TO A WORLD OF CONSTRICTING ORDER; BLASTING DOWN THE FOURTH WALL BRICK BY BRICK! **STAN LEE PRESENTS:**

DEADPOOL

THE MERC WITH NO MOUTH IN BUT daddy interlude

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THANKS TO PUEST, CALAFIORE & HOLDREDGE FOR FRAMING PAGES

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ROQUELAURE HALL WOMEN'S DORMITORY

WHAT CAUSES DEAFNESS?

Sudden tremendous noise or prolonged noise may caus■ temporary or permanent injury to the auditory nerve. Often fluids are forced up the Eustachian tube into the middle ear. The blockage causes lowered air pressure [illegible] the inside of the eardrum, which may stop it from vibrating and cause hearing loss. Sometimes concussions from [illegible] same source of noise may reverse [illegible]age by jump-starting the eardrum to its [illegible]per vibratory pattern.

Shellshock victims continue to think they are deaf long after their eardrums heal in order to get discharged

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CAMPUS PLAGUED BY COSTUMED PEST

By Louise Somerset

A second building on the Empire State University campus was demolished last night by the masked terrorist known as "Humbug". The Weiss Performing Arts Center had opened its doors for the first week, to a sold-out performance of's "No Exit: The Musical."

e Performing Arts Center and the stling Arena, which was destroyed ck, were new buildings. The only recent construction on campus is west wing of the ESU Library.

The terrorist apparently used amplified sound waves of unknown origin to demolish the building. Authorities the destruction may be a disgru new construction.

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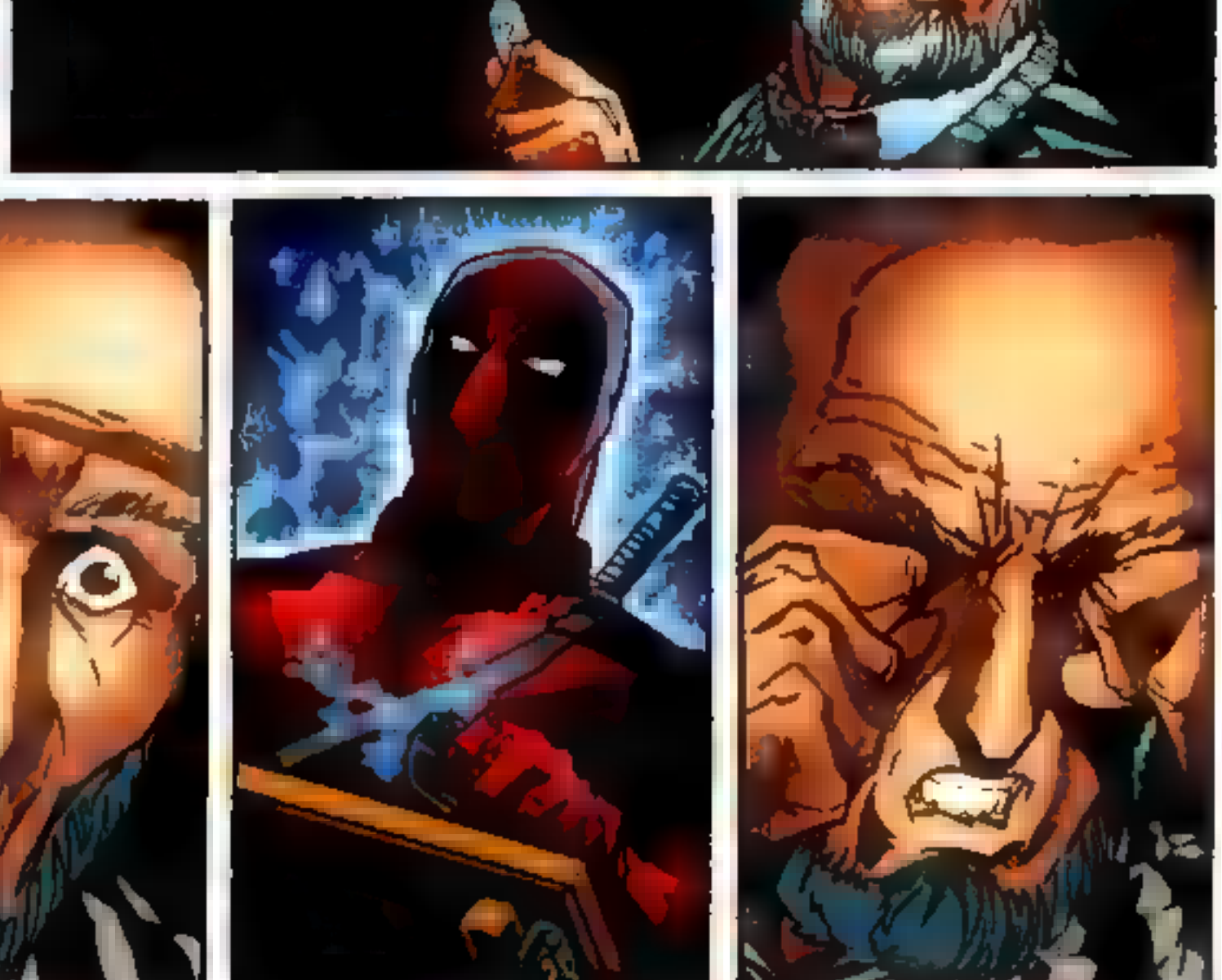

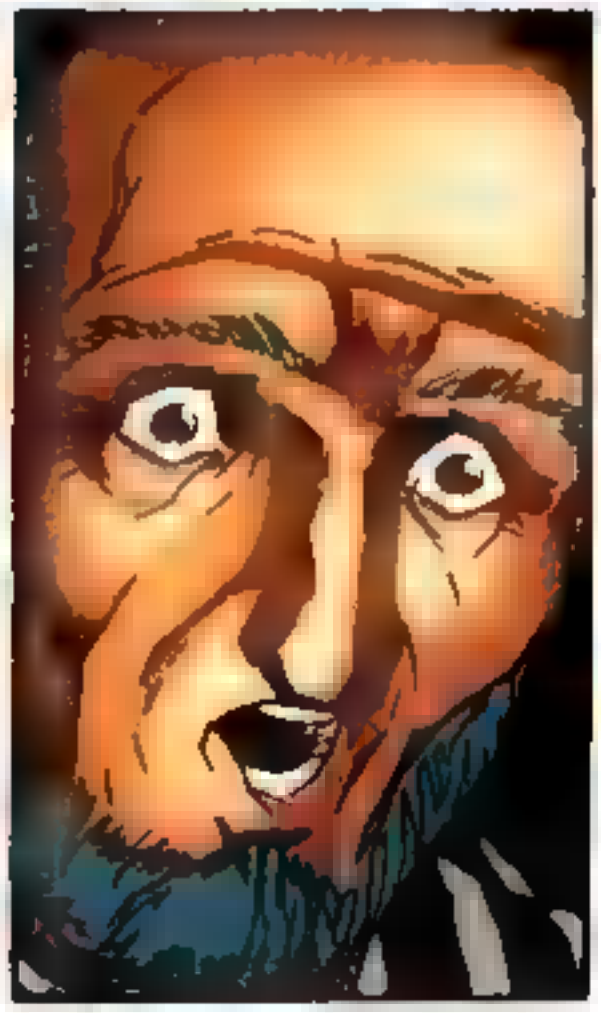

Wednesday's Lecture:

"Read Between the Lines"

Discuss the THREE types of symbolism in Shakespeare's Sonnets

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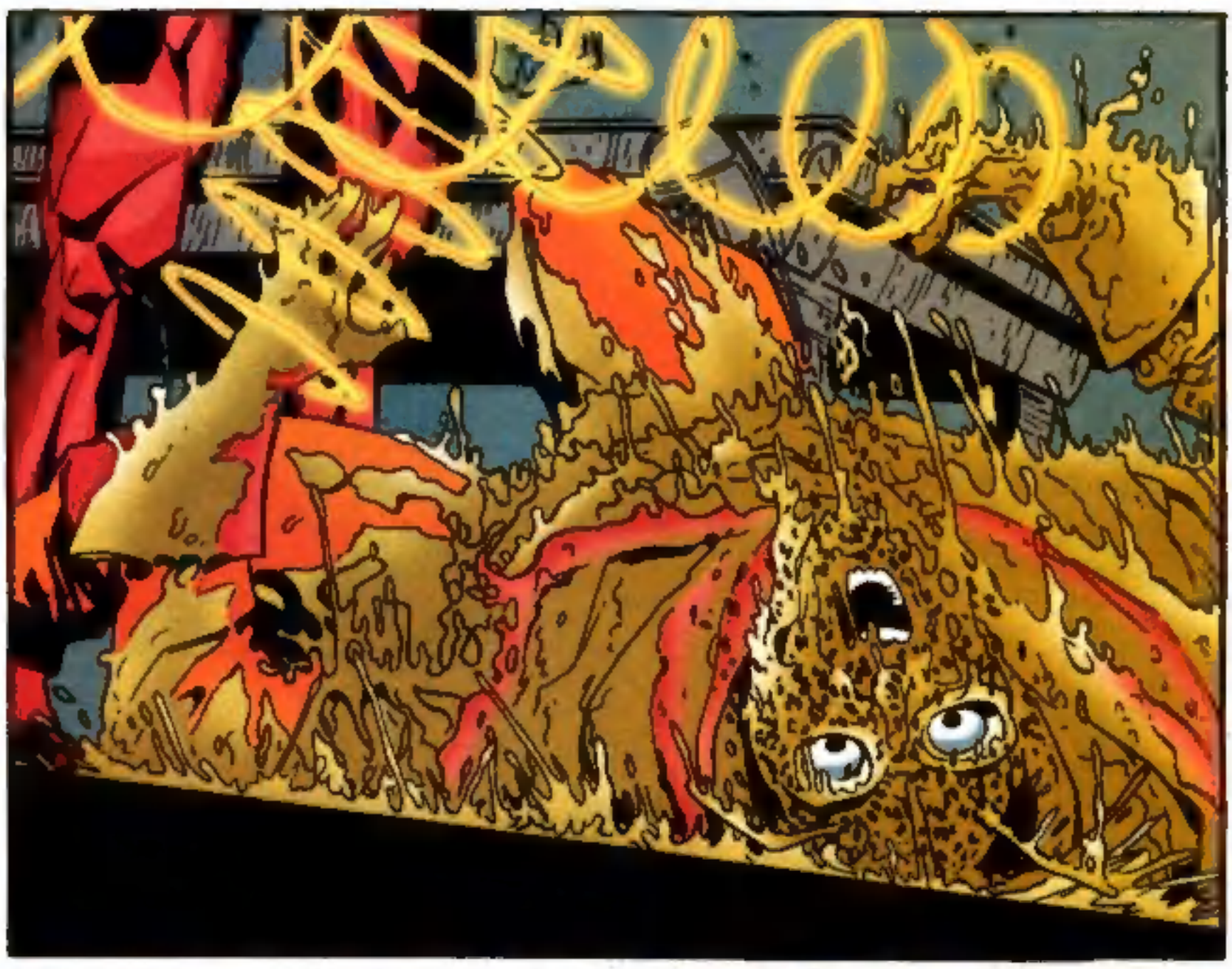

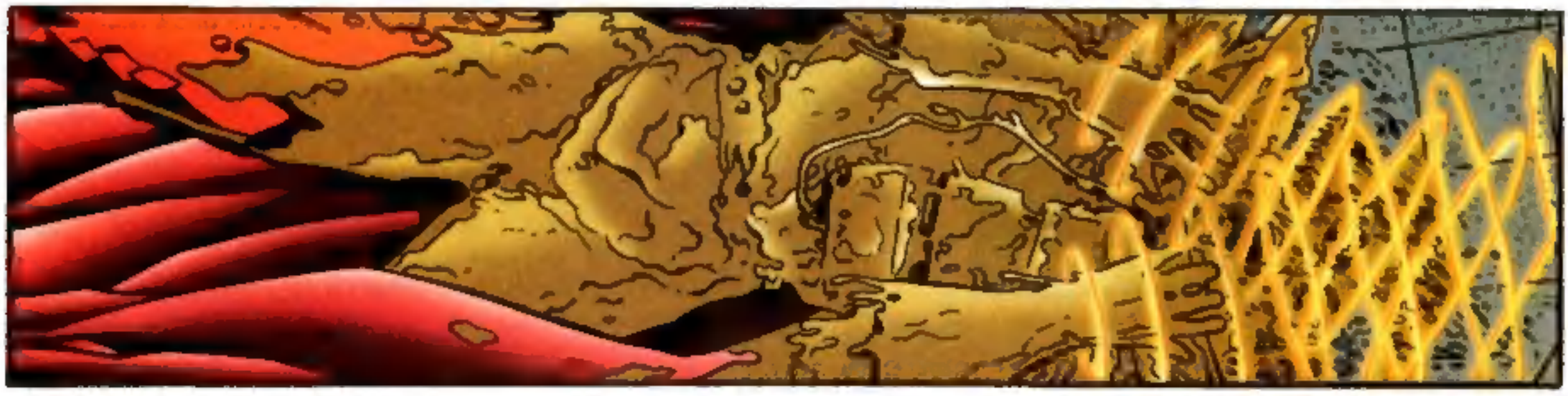

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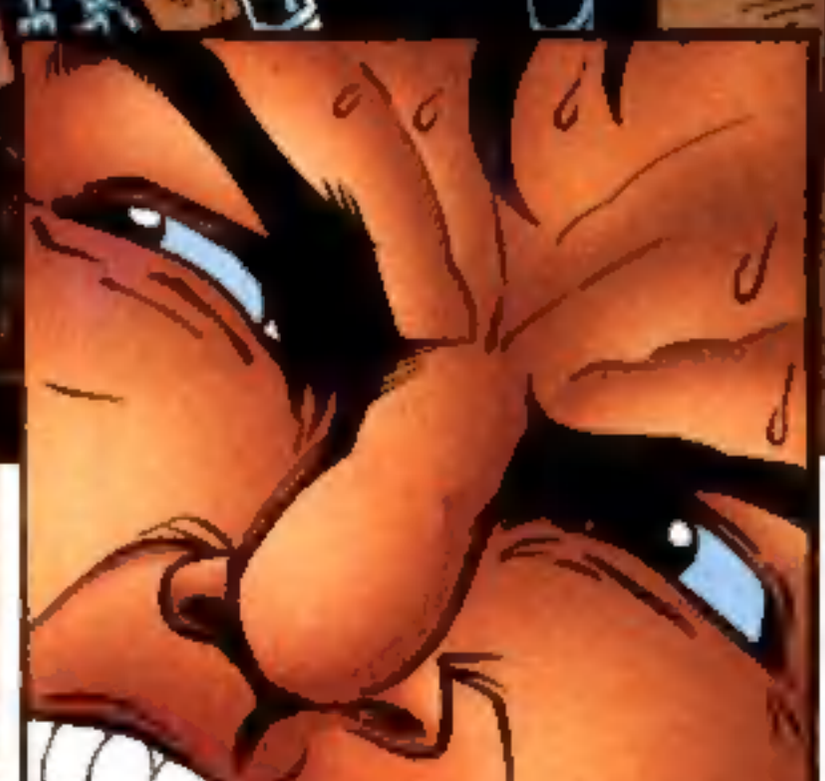

-ING GET OFF THIS TABLE, CONSTRICTOR, I'M GONNA SHOVE THOSE LEECHES SO FAR UP YOUR--

WAITAMINNIT! I *HEARD* THAT!

I CAN HEAR THE SOUND OF MY SWEET, MELODIOUS VOICE!

THAT'S 'CUZ THE *LEECHES* ARE SUCKIN' OUT THE FLUID THAT'S BLOCKIN' YER EARDRUMS.

YOU LEARN A LOT ABOUT THE HEALIN' POWERS OF LEECHES WHEN YOU SPEND AS MUCH TIME IN THE JUNGLES AS I HAVE.

LET'S JUST SAY IT'S BEEN AWFULLY QUIET AT HOME.

ALL RIGHT, ENOUGH BRAGGING! HOW DID YOU KNOW?

NICE JOB. THE *JUICE MAN* WOULD BE PROUD.

HEY, FRANK? WHAT'S WITH THE CHOMPING SOUND INSIDE MY SKULL?

OH, THAT SHOULD PASS IN A COUPLE OF DAYS.

APTER ALL, HOW MUCH CAN TWO LEECHES EAT?

WARNING

EGG-BEARING LEECHES (H. medicinalis)

THAT'S THE END OF THIS STORY, KIDDIES...

...BUT SLITHER ON OVER TO THE NEXT PAGE TO JOIN OUR CURRENT STORY, ALREADY IN PROGRESS!

WHICH BRINGS US BACK TO "DOE", BABE.

OR, MORE APPROPRIATELY, "DHUH".

ZZZMMMMM!
ZZZMMMMM!

AND, SO, TO *RE-CAP:*

THE TASKMASTER TRIES TO USE TITANIA TO SET ME UP. I AGREE TO PLAY ALONG IF TITANIA CUTS ME IN ON THE DEAL.

TASKMASTER SENDS ME AND THREE OF HIS "STUDENTS" ON SOME IDIOT "TRAINING MISSION" TO RECOVER BARON ZEMO'S SATELLITE--

--WHERE I AM PROMPTLY LEFT FOR *DEAD.*

ZZZMMMMM! ZZZMMMMM! ZZZMMMMM!

I HOT-WIRE AN *ESCAPE POD,* BUT MAKE A *WRONG TURN* SOMEWHERE AND END UP RAMMING A *SHIP FULL OF MERCS--*

... THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME ... THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME ...

--WHO OFFER ME A RIDE HOME *IF* I RESCUE THEIR *LEADER,* THE *DIRTY WOLFF.*

WOLFF *BLOWS* MY ENTIRE *PLAN--* ON *PURPOSE--*

-- WHICH LEADS TO THE *OBLIGATORY CHASE SCENE.*

IT WASN'T THAT I WAS AFRAID TO *DIE.* I WAS *EMBARRASSED* TO DIE *THERE--* LIKE *THAT.*

I WANNA BE KILLED BY PEOPLE WHO *DRESS BETTER.*

BUT, AT THE MOMENT, MY CHOICES WERE FEWER AND *FEWER...*

WAIT ... WAIT ... HOLD UP--

NIGHT

WHO WATCHES THE WATCHER WATCHING THE MERC WITH THE MOUTH?

YES, WE GET DEADPOOL BACK FROM SPACE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.